

STATE OF WYOMING
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY – AIR QUALITY DIVISION

Open Burning Guide
Fire Fighting Training, Fire Hazard, Trade Waste, Salvage Operation

The WDEQ-AQD District Compliance staff will administer WAQSR Chapter 10, Section 2(f), ***Restrictions on open burning of trade wastes, salvage operations, fire hazards, or fire fighting training.*** (See WDEQ-AQD Contact Information)

Open burners of trade wastes, for salvage operations, for fire hazards, and for fire fighting training may be burned only when all of the following conditions are met.

- ❑ Open burners must submit a request to burn and receive approval prior to conducting the burn.
- ❑ One completed Open Burn Request Form (See WDEQ-AQD Open Burn Request Form) is to be submitted for each open burn, with the open burner defining the scope of the burn, to the WDEQ-AQD District Compliance staff responsible for the geographic area in which the open burn is to occur. (See WDEQ-AQD Contact Information)
 - For example, a coal mine conducts quarterly fire fighting training based on a pre-determined quantity and composition of material to be burned, and considers this as one open burning activity; therefore only one Request Form is needed. Alternatively, a construction company may conduct several open burns of clean lumber in a year but doesn't know the burn schedule or the quantity of the material to be burned. Each of these is considered a separate open burn by the construction company, and thus will require a separate Request Form.
- ❑ Remove prohibited materials from the material to be burned, due to the dense smoke discharge and toxic air pollutants emitted, or request approval to burn the prohibited material on the Open Burn Request Form.
- ❑ Notify the WDEQ-AQD District Compliance staff prior to ignition of each open burn to provide verification that the burn will take place, as well as information on the burn that enables the WDEQ-AQD to respond to public calls/complaints. Open burners may notify the WDEQ-AQD by phone, fax or email and provide the following information: Open Burner Contact Information and Location of the Open Burn. Since the WDEQ-AQD staff works during regular business hours only, burners who plan to burn over the weekend should contact the WDEQ-AQD by close of business on the business day prior to the weekend. (See WDEQ-AQD Contact Information)
 - For example, a notification is required prior to the ignition of each of the quarterly fire fighting training burns at a coal mine as well as each clean lumber burn by the construction company.
- ❑ Contact the jurisdictional fire authority(ies) responsible for the geographic area in which the open burn is to occur immediately prior to burn ignition.
- ❑ Attend and observe the burn periodically to determine the smoke dispersion, direction and impacts so that corrective action (e.g., notifying neighboring residents and extinguishing the burn) can be taken if necessary.

- ❑ Comply with all local (city and county), state, and federal laws, regulations and ordinances relating to open burning.
- ❑ Comply with any restriction on burning issued by the city, county or state.
- ❑ By conducting an open burn, you shall give permission to WDEQ-AQD staff to enter and inspect the burn location for the purpose of a burn inspection. This permission extends for a maximum time of ten business days after the open burn is completed. Inspections during this 10-day period are to be conducted only after notification of the open burner.